

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR & RD Department – Allegations of irregularities in purchase of materials in RWS Circle, Nizamabad District - Sri A. Ravinder Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, Nizamabad District (Retired) - Sanction under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Article of Charges – Communicated -Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.282

Dated:09.03.2010.

Read:

G.O.Ms.No.97, PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., Dt:09.03.2010.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 in the G.O. read above, for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri A. Ravinder Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, Nizamabad District (Retired), the article of charges is herewith communicated to him and initiate disciplinary proceedings against him as per the procedure laid down under rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (C.C.& A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges Annexure-I. A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are appended as Annexure-II and III.

3. Sri A. Ravinder Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, Nizamabad District (Retired), is directed to submit within (15) days of the receipt of this G.O., a written statement of defence.

4. Sri A. Ravinder Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, Nizamabad District (Retired), is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri A. Ravinder Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, Nizamabad District (Retired), is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence within the stipulated period specified in Para-3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri A. Ravinder Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, Nizamabad District (Retired), is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule.24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged forthwith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

CHITRA RAMCHANDRAN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri A. Ravinder Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, Nizamabad District (Retired) through Engineer-in-Chief, RWS &S, Hyderabad.

The Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Hyderabad (in duplicate) with a request to serve and return the dated acknowledge copy along with W.S.D.

Copy to:

The G.A.(V&E) Dept.

(Vigilance Report No.130 (197/V&E/E2/2002), dt. 16.12.2002.

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ANNEXURE-I

(to G.O.Rt.No. 282 , Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department,
dt.09.03.2010)

CHARGE:

That Sri A. Ravinder Reddy, while working as Superintending Engineer, RWS Circle, Nizamabad, had committed irregularities in purchase of materials of hand pump spare parts and GI pipes 32mm, in violation of codal rules and provisions for his personal gain. Thus, he had derelicted his official duties and mis-utilised his official position.

BASIS:

The V&E Dept. in their Vigilance Report No.130 (197/V&E/E2/2002), dt. 16.12.2002 reported that Sri A. Ravinder Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer, RWS, Nizamabad, had received indents from Executive Engineers, RWS, Nizamabad and Banswada, for procurement of hand pump spares and GI pipes during 9/2000, 10/2000 where in the requirement has been indicated for Nizamabad District was about 31.12 laksh and no amount was indicated in respect of Banswada division.

Tender Notice was issued by Superintending Engineer on 05.11.2000 for procurement of material worth Rs.14.20 lakhs in case of Nizamabad division and Rs. 4.50 lakhs in case of Banswada division. The purchase orders for spares were placed duly splitting total quantity on (5) firms at 9.65% excess duly accepting all the firms offer who quoted 9.65% for Nizamabad Division and similarly for (2) firms in case of Banswada Division. During February 2001, again purchase orders to a tune of about 19.57 lakhs were placed on the same firm who were given orders in 12/2000 without calling for tenders. Again on 24.03.2001, the Superintending Engineer placed some more purchase orders about calling for tenders on the original firm (Rs.9.50 lakhs).

From the above, it is evident that, the Superintending Engineer, RWS Circle, Nizamabd violated all the procedures. The action of splitting the quantity and awarding to all firms who quoted 9.65% excess is not at all correct. He should have cancelled the tenders as all the firms were quoting the same amount. When contractors profit was added in the estimate rate, he should not have accepted for the excess. He failed to appreciate the ring formation as (5) out of (7) firms were quoted 9.65% quoted for spares. Placing purchase orders twice on the same firms without calling for tenders after first tender process was completed on receipt of material is highly irregular. The materials are not supplemental items to the original supplies. Further, it is concluded by the V&E that, reducing the procurement in tender notice than the requirement submitted by Executive Engineers, splitting the total quantity among number of firms and again placing orders for more quantity on the same firms gives room to doubt the bonfides of the whole process.

Hence, the Charge.

CHITRA RAMCHANDRAN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-II

(to G.O.Rt.No. 282, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department,
dated.09.03.2010)

List of documents by which the article of charges is proposed to be sustained against Sri A. Ravinder Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, Nizamabad District (Retired).

Vigilance Report No.130 (197/V&E/E2/2002), dt. 16-12-2002 of G.A. (V&E) Dept.

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ANNEXURE-III

(to G.O.Rt.No. 282 , Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department,
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List of witnesses by whom the article of charges is proposed to be sustained against Sri A. Ravinder Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, Nizamabad District (Retired).

-Nil-

CHITRA RAMCHANDRAN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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